

Radio Program Log
of
Marian and Jim Jordan
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Kaltenmeyer's
Kindergarten

1932-1935

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KALTENMEYER'S KINDERGARTEN

Radio Program Log 1932 to 1935
(for the period starred by Marian and Jim Jordan)

On October 14, 1932, Marian and Jim Jordan joined with four other actors of WMAQ, Chicago, to create KALTENMEYER'S KINDERGARTEN, titled as the "nonsense school of the air" ("Chicago Daily News", July 20, 1935, p 14). The Jordans had been staff actors at WMAQ for twenty months already filling the airwaves with laughter in their own SMACKOUT series, in FARMER RUSK'S TOP O' MORNING, and in numerous other programs originating from that prominent station.

KALTENMEYER'S KINDERGARTEN was a sustained series until January 4, 1935 when the program was picked up by Quaker Oats. It was produced by Bruce Kamman who also acted as the German schoolmaster, Professor Kaltenmeyer. The professor had his hands full of classroom capers carried on by Marian and Jim, and by Johnny Wolf, Thor Ericson, and Merril Fugit. Scripts were consistently well-written by Harry Lawrence and music furnished by the Harry Koger Orchestra.

In a personal interview with Jim Jordan by Tom Price on May 17, 1980, Mr. Jordan recalled having a good deal of fun from the three year period they played in this show, but had to set aside the characters of Mickey Donovan and Cy Wintergreen (Jim) and Gertie Glump and Mrs. Van Schuyler (Marian) when their new Fibber McGee and Molly Program for Johnsons' Wax became a certain success.

The 129 Kindergartens with Marian and Jim began as an afternoon program, weekday, but moved to Saturday evenings for the most part until they left the show. KALTENMEYER'S KINDERGARTEN successfully continued until 1940 when "the program's title became KINDERGARTEN KAPERS and the professor's name was changed to "Ulyses S. Applegate" because of the anti-German feeling in the United States. Until the change, Bruce Kamman... signed off with auf wiedersehen und adieu"

Sources: "Chicago Daily News" microfilms, logs and articles from the daily radio features page loaned by the University of Illinois, Chicago, Illinois; 10- 01-32 to 9-30-35.

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Personal Interview: Jim Jordan, at his home, Saturday, May 17, 1980, by Tom Price.

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Pgm #	Title	Day	Month & #	Time of Day	Notes
1	Kaltenmeyer's Kindergarten	F	10/14	3:15-3:30 p.m.	Begin K.K., 15 m length; Chicago WMAQ;
2	None	"	21	3:00-3:30	Baseball season preceded K.K.
3	Kaltenmeyer's Kindergarten	"	28	3:15-3:45	Launch at U.S.S. Constitution;
	"	"	11/4	"	First 30 m program
	None	"	11	"	
4	Kaltenmeyer's Kindergarten	Th	17	3:30-4:00 p.m.	
	None	"	24	1:30-4:30 p.m.	Metropolitan Opera & Paul Whiteman
5	Kaltenmeyer's Kindergarten	"	12/1	3:00-3:30	
6	"	"	8	"	
7	"	"	15	"	
8	"	"	22	"	
9	"	"	29	"	
10	"	"	1/5	"	
11	"	"	12	"	
12	"	"	19	"	
13	"	"	26	"	
14	"	"	2/2	"	
15	"	"	9	"	
16	"	"	16	"	
17	"	"	23	"	
18	"	"	3/2	"	
	None	"	9	"	Kathleen Stewarts Songs
19	Kaltenmeyer's Kindergarten	"	6	"	
20	"	"	23	"	
21	"	"	30	"	
22	"	Sat	4/8	7:50-7:30 p.m.	15 m program "Taxpayers" from 7:00-7:15 p.m.
23	"	"	15	7:00-7:30 p.m.	
24	"	"	22	7:15-7:30 p.m.	15 m program "Ed. Talk" 7:00-7:15 p.m.
	"	"	29	"	Music 7:15-7:30 p.m.
25	None	"	5/6	7:30-8:00 p.m.	Begin on WJZ
26	Kaltenmeyer's Kindergarten	"	13	7:00-7:30 p.m.	
27	"	"	20	7:30-8:00 p.m.	

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Pgm #	Title	Day	Month & #	Time of Day	Notes
28	Kaltenmeyer's Kindergarten	Sat	5/27	7:30-8:00 p.m.	
29	"	"	6/ 4	"	
30	"	"	10	"	
31	"	"	17	"	
32	"	"	24	"	
33	"	"	7/ 1	"	End WJZ Begin on WMAQ
34	"	"	8	"	
35	"	"	15	"	
36	"	"	22	"	
37	"	"	29	"	
38	"	"	8/ 5	"	
39	"	"	12	"	
40	"	"	19	"	
41	"	"	26	"	
42	"	"	9/ 2	"	
43	"	"	9	"	
44	"	"	16	"	
45	"	"	23	"	End WMAQ Begin on WENR
46	"	"	30	6:30-7:00 p.m.	
47	"	"	10/ 7	"	
48	"	"	14	"	
49	"	"	21	"	
50	"	"	28	"	
51	"	"	11/ 4	"	
52	"	"	11	"	
	None	"	18	6:30-12:00 p.m.	Jordans on vacation, 1 week; repl. by Radio Pioneers.
53	Kaltenmeyer's Kindergarten	"	25	6:30-7:00 p.m.	
54	"	"	12/ 2	"	
55	"	"	9	"	
56	"	"	16	7:00-7:30 p.m.	Last local K.K. & 1st WMAQ until 1-20-34.
57	"	"	23	"	First NBC network K.K. prog-Chicago, on WLS.
58	"	"	30	"	
59	"	"	1/ 6	"	
60	"	"	13	"	

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Pgm #	Title	Day	Month & #	Time of Day	Notes
61	Kaltenmeyer's Kindergarten	Sat	1/20	6:00-6:30 p.m.	Return to WMAQ, NBC Network.
62	"	"	27	"	
63	"	"	2/3	"	
64	"	"	10	"	
65	"	"	17	"	
66	"	"	24	"	
67	"	"	3/3	"	
	None	"	10	"	Three Scamps
	None	"	17	"	Martha Mears Songs
	None	"	24	"	Three Scamps
68	Kaltenmeyer's Kindergarten	"	31	"	End WMAQ
	None	"	4/7	"	Rayburns' Dance
	None	"	14	"	Broadway-Hollywood Stars
69	Kaltenmeyer's Kindergarten	"	21	4:00-4:30 p.m.	Begin WENR
70	"	"	28	"	
71	"	"	5/5	"	
	None	"	12	"	
72	Kaltenmeyer's Kindergarten	"	19	"	
73	"	"	26	3:30-4:00 p.m.	End WENR
74	"	"	6/2	"	One KYW
	None	"	9	"	Century of Progress Dance (6/9)
	None	"	16	"	Desiere Cut Off Ceremonies (6/16)
75	Kaltenmeyer's Kindergarten	"	23	"	Begin WENR
	None	"	30	3:30-4:30 p.m.	NAUW Track meet
	None	"	7/7	8:30-9:00 p.m.	Palmer House Promenade
76	Kaltenmeyer's Kindergarten	Tues	10	"	Begin WMAQ Summer Replacement for Ed Wynn
77	"	"	17	"	Fire Chief (7/10)
78	"	"	24	"	
79	"	"	31	"	
80	"	"	8/7	"	
81	"	"	14	"	
82	"	"	21	"	
83	"	"	28	"	

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Pgm #	Title	Day	Month & Day #	Time of Day	Notes
84	Kaltenmeyer's Kindergarten	Tues	9/ 4	8:30-9:00 p.m.	
85	"	"	11	"	
86	"	"	18	"	
87	"	"	25	"	
	None	"	10/ 2	"	Replaced by returning Ed Wynn, Fire Chief pg.
	None	"	9	"	
	None	"	16	"	
	None	"	23	"	
	None	"	30	"	
	None	"	11/ 6	"	
88	Kaltenmeyer's Kindergarten	Fri	9	7:00-7:30 p.m.	Time change
89	"	"	16	"	
90	"	"	23	"	
91	"	"	30	"	
92	"	Sat	12/ 8	5:00-5:30 p.m.	Time change
93	"	"	15	"	
94	"	"	22	"	
95	"	"	29	"	
96	"	"	1/ 5	"	
97	"	"	12	"	
98	"	"	19	"	
99	"	"	26	"	
100	"	"	2/ 2	"	
101	"	"	9	"	
102	"	"	16	"	
103	"	"	23	"	
104	"	"	3/ 2	"	
105	"	"	9	"	
106	"	"	16	"	
107	"	"	23	"	
108	"	"	30	"	
109	"	"	4/ 6	"	
110	"	"	13	"	
	None	"	20	"	
	None	"	27	"	

Part of K.K.'s cast & Prod/Dir. Kamman in
 NY for Premiere of FM&M Repl. by Coakly's
 Orch. 4-20 & 27-35, by N.H. Youth Week,
 5-4-35.

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Pgm #	Title	Day	Month & #	Time of Day	Notes
111	None	Sat	5/ 4	5:00-5:30 p.m.	
112	Kaltenmeyer's Kindergarten	"	11	"	Cast returns to Chic.
113	"	"	18	"	
114	"	"	25	"	
115	"	"	6/ 1	"	
116	"	"	8	"	
117	"	"	15	"	
		"	22	"	
		"	29	"	
118	None	"	7/ 6	"	
119	Kaltenmeyer's Kindergarten	"	13	"	
120	"	"	20	"	
121	"	"	27	"	
122	"	"	8/ 3	"	
		"	10	"	
123	None	"	17	"	
124	Kaltenmeyer's Kindergarten	"	24	"	
125	"	"	31	"	End WMAQ
126	"	"	9/ 7	"	Begin WENR
127	"	"	14	"	
128	"	"	21	"	
129	"	"	28	"	Approx. last K.K. performance by Marian and Jim Jordan